

Recreation and Culture



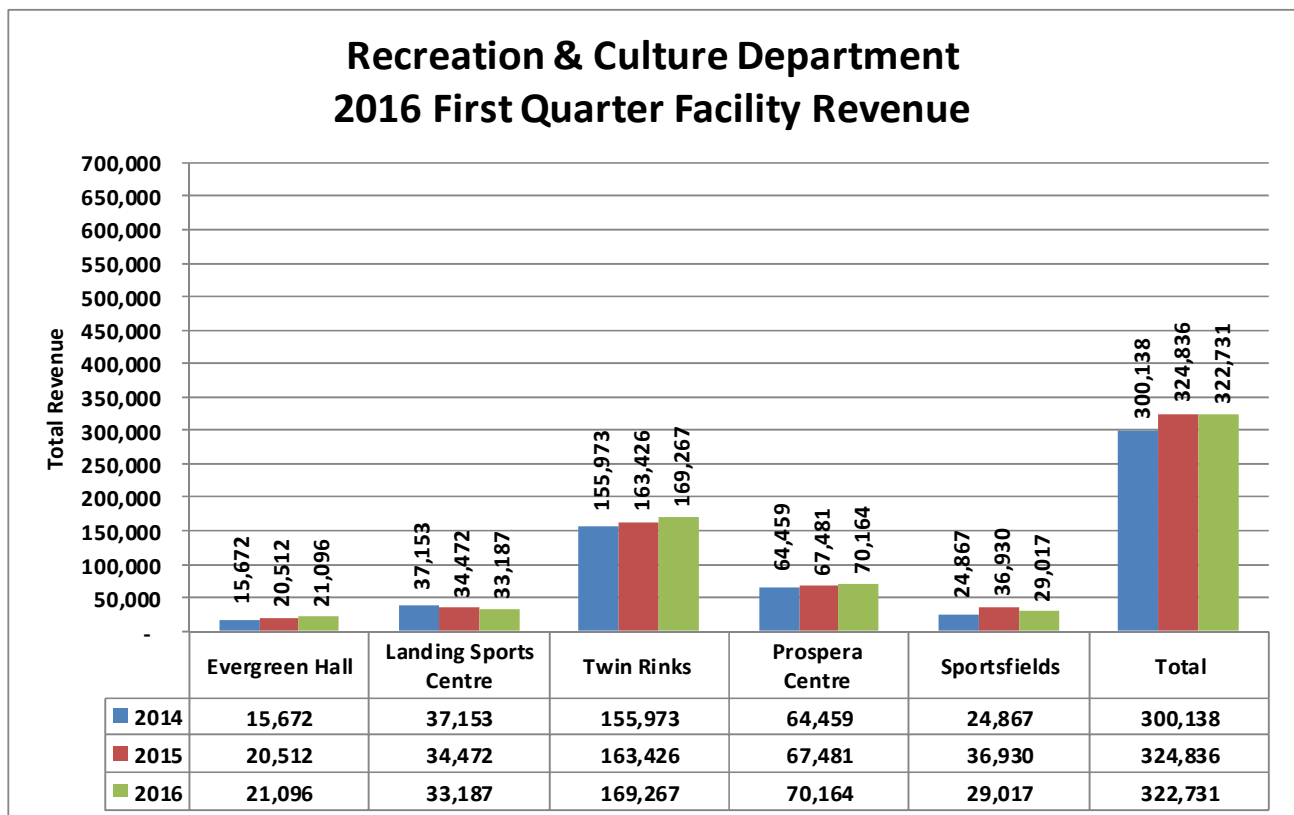
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First Quarter Report, 2016



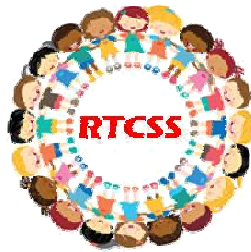
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Recreation and Culture Facility Revenue Report



Rosedale Traditional Community School Society

The first quarter has proved once again to be a very busy season. The facility hosted several celebrations, including family reunions, 4H awards, and the Bahia Society New Year's Celebration. The Chilliwack Soccer Association members attended weekly soccer clinics during the first 7 weeks of the year. Rosedale Traditional Community School Society provided a wide variety of programs in the evenings and for all ages. Participants have enjoyed classes in cooking, fitness, arts, and skill building. The Friday night youth program is always the weeks highlight for participants aged 8-15 years of age.



Greendale Elementary Community School

During the last quarter, attendance at regular weekly programs has been sustained. Saturday morning gymnastics is proving popular and will continue through the Spring. The Community School will also be offering a second set of children's yoga classes as the first set proved to be very successful. The early morning boot-camp program has drawn a strong crowd and for that reason will continue to be featured on the schedule. The weekly diet of karate and pre-school soccer prove forever popular.

The emphasis on community engagement has continued with family game night and a "Beetle Drive". All who attended enjoyed the activities and the socializing! In April there will be a plant swap for Greendale residents and later this spring a family event at the Chilliwack Corn Maze in conjunction with the school PAC.

There is also collaboration underway through Pacific Sportz Fraser Valley to work with other community schools and local recreation centres to align sports programming for the summer across Chilliwack; it is great to work within the local community and beyond.

Greendale Elementary Community School

130+ children aged preschool and above, attending regular weekly programs. This includes karate, Acting Outright, music and sports programming, Little Kickers Soccer, children's yoga, skipping, and gymnastics.

80+ adults attending regular weekly programs; including Community Pop-In, yoga, karate and a variety of fitness programs.

Special events have included a Babysitting Course that attracted 19 children and over 40 people attended each of two community events held this quarter. 21 rentals to private or non-profit organizations.

Promontory Heights Elementary Community School

Promontory Heights Elementary Community School Association has enjoyed a busy, fun, winter session of afterschool programs. Winter programs offered included: Tiny Chefs, Baking up a Storm, Floor Hockey, Discover Dance, Pilates Body Sculpt,.

PHECSA's drop-in continue to be a great success! The drop-in program "Tween Night" was held on Friday evenings for youth in grades 5 – 7. Parents are very supportive of this great program that offers kids the chance to socialize with their peers in a safe and fun environment. The Busy Bees caregiver/parent & tot program is also often at full capacity. Numbers are capped at 15 families each week due to limited space. This wonderful program offers a variety of themed crafts and story time, plus lots of free play time, while providing participants with a chance to connect with others in the community. The Primetimers program has seen an increase in membership to roughly 20 participants per week. This weekly drop-in group provides seniors with a chance to enjoy conversation and coffee. Our private piano lessons are operating at full capacity, with a wait list. It is very convenient for parents to have their children attend music lessons and other activities at the school as they are all conveniently held here in their own neighborhood!

PHECSA held its annual Easter "EGG"stravaganza, where the community could enjoy a visit from the Easter bunny, an egg hunt, bouncy castles, 4H bunnies, and much more.

Yarrow Community School Society

The sports and art programs for elementary age kids continues to be very popular, with some of the recent successes including: Saturday Morning Ball Hockey-coached by volunteer parents, 30 kids age 5-10 yrs. old, Kids Wrestling; this idea was pitched by a very accomplished dad who volunteered to teach the basic techniques for 10 weeks, 36 boys and girls between the ages of 5 -12 yrs. Participated and honed their wrestling skills. Let's Make a Racket! – 18 kids for 8 weeks enjoyed some very fun instruction in the very popular Pickleball, Tennis and Badminton. This program, along with the Wooly Wednesdays is funded through the Prov. Govt. ASSAI program (After School Sports and Arts Initiative) allowing Yarrow Community School Society to offer it free to students who might otherwise not be able to participate in programming .

YCSS hosted a first ever Old Tyme Family Dance – with live music and Contra Dance instruction. Students were encouraged to ask a grandparent or senior neighbour or friend to join the fun! The Family Gym Night/ Potluck Supper, toddlers to grandparents joined in and special effort was made to invite the recently arrived refugee family to join in the fun and games. The Community School Garden is being composted school wide, making healthy smoothies in the Blender Bike and enjoying them school wide. Discussions about what to plant are under way!



Chilliwack Central Elementary Community School Society



Funding gratefully received by the City of Chilliwack has enabled CCECSS to provide two very much needed and well attended programs- the drop in Tween Club program that runs weekly Thursday evenings and is open to all students in surrounding schools from grades 4 to 6 and the After School Sports and Arts Initiative called 2nd Day which offers programming for students in four downtown elementary schools.

The winter session of Tween Club included such weekly themes as Fun & Games, Mexican Fiesta, Basketball, Superheroes, Karaoke, Movie night and Valentine's Day to name a few.

The winter session of 2nd Day included the program running three days a week at Central Elementary with students from McCammon Traditional also attending, one day a week at Bernard Elementary and one day a week at Robertson Elementary. The 2nd Day program provided 12 students at Bernard Elementary with eight weeks of a multi sports program, 15 students at Robertson Elementary with eight weeks of aboriginal art lessons, and 35 students from McCammon and Central Elementary with music lessons, aboriginal art and puppetry classes as well as a multi sports program for eight weeks in length each. The 2nd Day After School Program had 75 participants and the Tween Club had 150-165 participants.



Physical activity is something that everyone can do. You don't need to run a marathon or spend hours at a gym. Look for simple ways to be physically active every day.

You could:

- Take a walk once a day;
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator;
- Spend less time in front of the television or computer;
- Play actively with your kids;
- Walk, wheel or cycle for short trips; or
- Find out about walking and cycling paths nearby by visiting www.chilliwack.com



Cheam Leisure Centre and Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre

What an amazing and fun first part of 2016! Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre and Cheam Leisure Centre have been going through a number of mechanical repairs to improve the quality of the facilities as well as worked through some major cleaning and updates to the departmental areas.

Youth Camps were offered during Spring Break at Cheam Leisure Centre and they were very well received by both the youth and parents (107 Participants). Week #1 was in partnership with SportBall and a number of sports were introduced to the youth including – Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Mini-Golf and a Games Day. Week #2 was in partnership with the Chilliwack Isshin-Ryu Karate Club. The youth learned some great new skills, respect and discipline through this great program already being offered at Cheam. With the success of the Spring Break Camps Recreation Excellence is in serious programming mode getting in order to get ready for the ten one week Summer Camps which will be a great opportunity for youth 5-12 years of age.

The Easter Bunny made a surprise visit to each of the facilities and brought some chocolaty treats for the kids! There was also a Photo-Op made available for the kids to get their picture taken with the Easter Bunny.

In order to bring new ideas and techniques to the facility aquafit instructors, Charlene Kopansky from CALA was brought in to share some new and exciting techniques. The staff had an amazing time learning and teaching and look forward to sharing them with the facilities' ever growing aquafit program.

Did you know that Chilliwack has an Outdoor Pool?! Join us starting May 21 for Public Swims, Swimming Lessons, a Junior Lifeguard Program and season fun! Rotary Outdoor Pool is located at 46245 Reece Street, beside Chilliwack Senior High School.

Recreation Excellence is in the process of hiring 25-35 new lifeguards, swim instructors and fitness instructors over the next 12-18 months and we are looking for teens and adults who are looking at providing high quality recreation and aquatic programs and services here in Chilliwack and are serious about fun! If you were a lifeguard years ago and interested in returning to the pool deck, or you are interested in becoming a certified lifeguard contact Esa Ali, Aquatic Supervisor for the Cheam and Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centres for more details on getting fully certified or recertifying those old awards. Esa can be contacted at eali@recreationexcellence.com or via phone at 604-793-7946 ex.t 225. Register today to start your journey at becoming a certified lifeguard/swim instructor.



Chilliwack Cultural Centre

Presented shows

January kicked off 2016 with The Society's presentation of the third show of the very popular Cabaret of Wonders, the second of The Centre Rocks, the controversial Seeds, and fringe show Suddenly Mommy. February saw Ballet Jorgen return with Sleeping Beauty and the fourth Cabaret of Wonders, the third The Centre Rocks and Fringe show No Tweed Too Tight. Also The Three Musketeers, Sarah Hagen with Nicolo Eugelmi, An Evening with Jim Byrnes and The Comic Strippers. March brought A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline, I Am Woman Hear Me Laff, the fourth The Centre Rocks, The Middle of Everywhere, Mystery of the Hungry Heart Motel, The Trevor & Lorena Comedy Magic Show, Simon Fraser Pipe Band and The best of The Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival.

Renters

Community partner the Chilliwack School of Performing Arts (CSOPA) presentation of Mary Poppins started off the New Year in mid-January and The Academy of Music launched their first Fraser Valley Distillery Festival at the end of the month. Local dance studios Creative Outlet and Project Dance had their Preview Show at the end of January and the beginning of February and The Lions Festival started February 4 - running to March 18. Dance in Motion held their show at the end of the month.

March kicked off with Rock.It.Boy's The Lonely, Lions Club's Dance Honours Performance. Mini Med returned with four information sessions. Jaguar Music presented Raveen – the Legend Continues. The Chilliwack Metropolitan Orchestra presented Carmen. Meeting and seminar space was used by Chilliwack House Church.

Classes and more

Art Classes were offered ranging from pottery to painting and more for adults and kids. Spring Break Art Camps offered 50 classes from March 14 to 18 and March 21 to 24.

Window Murals were added to the outside windows depicting performers that have been to The Centre and the range of entertainment taking place within the building.






Chilliwack Museum & Archives

The Museum has extended its hours to serve Chilliwack better, and is now open Thursday evenings until 8:30pm, as well as Saturdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm, increasing community access to the museums collections and programs.

February 2016 showed the highest on-site monthly usage on record for the Chilliwack Archives (69, up from 23 in January, with 50 in March). A trusted repository for academic researchers from across BC, and Chilliwack residents alike, staff are pleased to see increased use of the Archives, and strong connections between research begun online and continued on-site.

Chilliwack Museum and Archives are pleased to continue to strengthen efforts to connect people with Chilliwack's history through innovating public programs. Led by Education and Engagement Coordinator Stephanie Clinton, a major public event was held February 19th during Heritage Week, a packed-out public lecture on Thomas Hooper, the architect who designed the historic City Hall Building, designated as a National Historic Site of Canada. The second event, a program building from the Game On! exhibit was hosted March 31st in collaboration with viaSport, BC's Provincial sport umbrella organization. This tremendous event connected the museum with a range of new audiences. Total Museum Visitors – 527 (excludes off-site exhibit locations); Website Visitors – 3749; Archives visitors – 142; Archives phone / email inquiries – 124 .

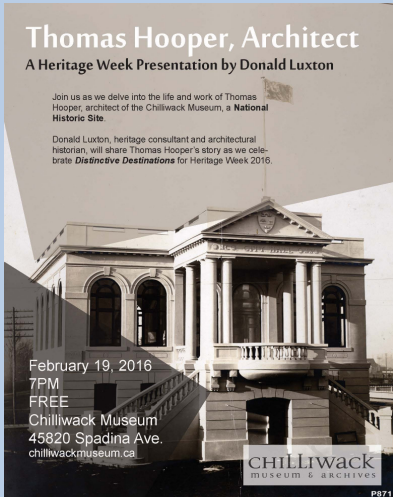


**GAME ON!
WOMEN IN SPORT**
#LEVELTHEFIELD

Thursday, March 31st
Chilliwack Museum
and Archives
45820 Spadina Ave. Chilliwack, BC
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Join the celebration and #LEVELTHEFIELD as a part of
viaSport's game-changing campaign
to inspire, educate, and celebrate the rising history and future of
WOMEN IN SPORT with four female EXPERT PANELISTS from BC:
Lara McDell Savage & Joanne Rossman, PhD | Mary Reid | Donatella Fark
FREE REGISTRATION! viaSport.ca/GameOn

*This March 31st event, a collaboration with
viaSport, brought together experts to discuss
Women's experience in Sport, past, present, and
future.*




Thomas Hooper, Architect
A Heritage Week Presentation by Donald Luxton

Join us as we delve into the life and work of Thomas
Hooper, architect of the Chilliwack Museum, a **National
Historic Site**.

Donald Luxton, heritage consultant and architectural
historian, will share Thomas Hooper's story as we cele-
brate *Distinctive Destinations* for Heritage Week 2016.

February 19, 2016
7PM
FREE
Chilliwack Museum
45820 Spadina Ave.
chilliwackmuseum.ca

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MUSEUM & ARCHIVES



*The Chambers Gallery was filled to capacity
February 19th for the public lecture "Thomas
Hooper, Architect," by award-winning
architectural historian Donald Luxton.*

Chilliwack Heritage Park



At Chilliwack Heritage Park, the year kicked off with the Pacific All-Star Competition. This was quickly followed up by the annual Chilliwack Home & Leisure Show. We then hosted the Mt. Cheam Dog Show and welcomed a new show, the Rover Landers Meet. March started off with the Fraser Valley Women's Show and was quickly followed by the All About Fishing Show which for a first time event, was an incredible success. The annual Gun and Antique Show, one of the largest shows of its kind in all of Canada was a hit once again. We then welcomed a new show to Heritage Park; the Oceanside Kennel Club's Dog Show.



**CHILLIWACK
HERITAGE PARK**
Events Happen Here



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Chilliwack and District Seniors Resource Society

Programs held at City of Chilliwack Evergreen Hall and Landing Sports Centre facilities for the first quarter included: Pickleball, Badminton, Line Dancing, Crib, a Walking Group, Zumba, Table Tennis, Floor Curling, Carpet Bowling and special events, including community education programs.

Highlights for this quarter include the first fundraising event “Aged to Perfection” held in the Cheam Room. Funds go toward the Seniors Housing Program as they have had an increase in requests for support in accessing affordable and appropriate seniors housing.

The income tax program began Feb 29 and runs to April 22. CDSRS use the foyer at Evergreen as the waiting room and clients are served in change room #1.

Approximately 55 people attended the AGM in March which profiled community groups who support seniors. This included Carol Marleau who explained the CDI funding program which the Society receives and that which supports programming to the seniors in our community.

CDSRS have applied for funding to increase activities as there is a demand for more Yoga, Zumba and Dance classes.

Attendance for this the first quarter of 2016 was 2012 office visits, 800 visits from income tax clients and 3,328 activity participants in events.



Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve

The annual New Year’s Day Walk, World Wetlands Day, Heron Homecoming Walks and Family Nature Festival were all very well attended this quarter. The Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve Society continues to provide these programs free to the public. Over 1,000 people attended the two day Family Nature Festival in March. The GBHNRS hired two additional part time environmental educators and now there are four education staff to plan, develop and facilitate community and school programs on site and at outreach events.

Work continues on planting the Discovery Trail. Several community groups volunteered to plant native shrubs and trees as well as remove blackberries. A Pond Education interactive interpretive sign, funded by the Chilliwack Foundation, was designed and installed near the Beaver Pond to enhance the visitor experience. Over 90 volunteers now work at the GBHNR welcoming visitors, conducting bird surveys, gardening and supporting the Executive Director to administer the society’s programs and services.



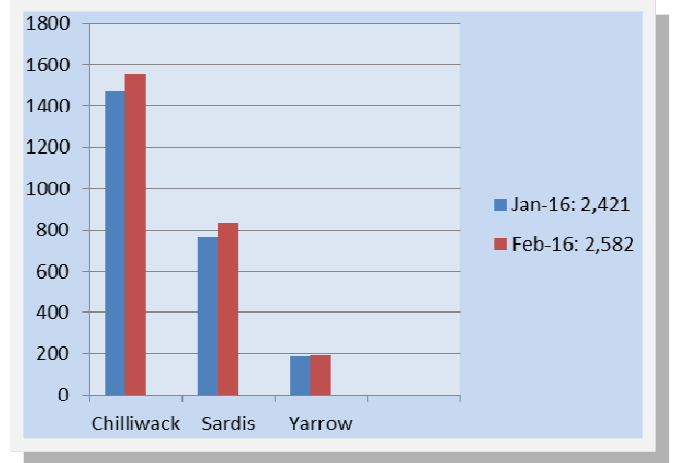


Chilliwack Library

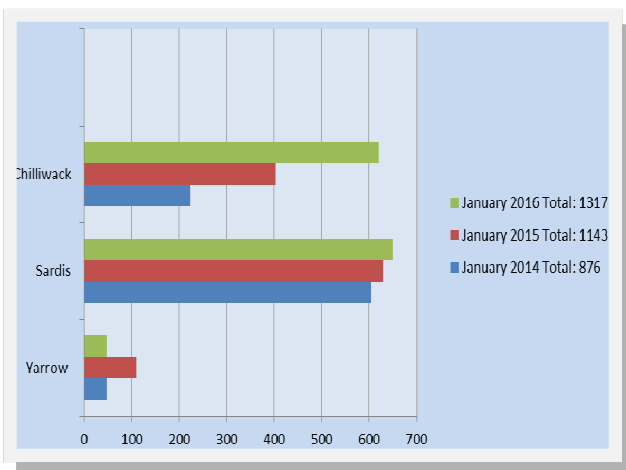
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In January, the Chilliwack Library and the Chilliwack Chiefs BCHL hockey team teamed up for a program called “Score with Reading”. The aim of this unique partnership was to emphasize the importance of balancing physical activity and literacy, as well as engaging young and reluctant readers. This event for children was held at the Chilliwack Library on the evening of Thursday, January 14th, and it featured Chilliwack Chiefs players reading from their favourite books, eating pizza generously donated by Panago, followed by photo opportunities and autographs. In the second hour, young attendees and the Chiefs worked on crafts together made out of old books. Chief Wannawin, mascot for the Chilliwack Chiefs, also made an appearance!

Customers in the area of the Chilliwack Library eagerly anticipate the beginning of the year as it means the build up to the annual Puzzle Sale. Come January 2nd puzzle enthusiasts rush in to donate their puzzles to go towards the sale that the Friends of the Chilliwack Libraries Society organize to raise funds for the library. In exchange for their donations they receive a voucher which entitles them to 50% the price of puzzles at the sale.



Chilliwack Libraries Holds Placed



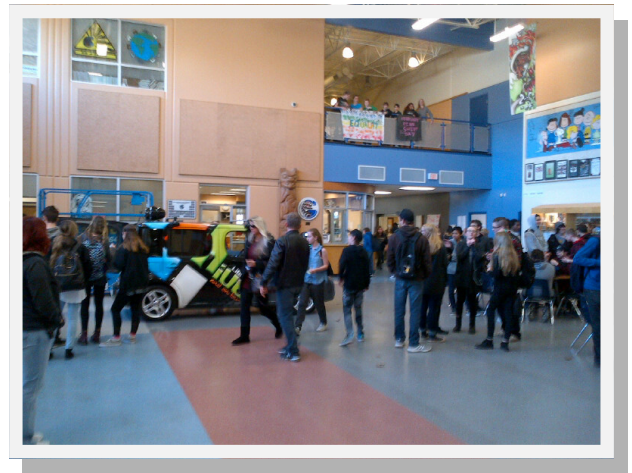
January Program Attendance Comparison



Sardis Library

Staff at Sardis Library have been finding an increase in the demand for the Book a Librarian service. This service gives customers the opportunity to sit down in a one-on-one session to take advantage of staff expertise when it comes to downloading eBooks and audio books to a variety of devices as well as Readers' Advisory and specific research requests. Seniors in particular appreciate the opportunity to sit with staff and go through the process step-by-step uninterrupted, so if clarification is needed it can be given immediately.

Preschoolers are continuing with the 1000 stories program and are happily collecting stickers and entering Sardis Library's milestone draws – one midway and one at the completion of their 1000 stories. Prizes include books and a cuddly stuffy named Foxy.



In February, the Sardis Staff continued to participate in outreach programs in the community. Dave Denault, FVRL's Library Live and on Tour Director, set up with staff members and the LiLi Cube at GW Graham to promote the Library and provide cards to students. This garnered the following praise from staff:

"The day went extremely well. The students learned a lot about the programming and services available to them and they enjoyed the Live and on Tour car. We had many students sign up for library cards, which was lovely. Even some of our international students signed up after Cathy mentioned that the conversation circles. I really appreciate all the hard work of those involved and I would definitely recommend the event to others. Thank you again."

Yarrow Library

Back by popular demand, FVRL branches all had another successful "Food for Fines" campaign, including the Yarrow Library. From December 16 to January 17, 2016 customers were encouraged to bring in commercially packaged, unexpired, non-perishable items to their library and the library deducted \$2/item from their library fines/fees, up to \$30 of fines. Items collected were then donated to the customer's local food bank. This program received a considerable publicity boost after being advertised on Global TV and by Mike Hellinger on the radio. Yarrow customers were more than happy to contribute to such a wonderful cause.

A Valentine's Day theme was very apparent at the Yarrow Library during the month of February. Customers were invited to take a "Blind Date with a Book", which involved staff wrapping several books in colored paper and writing a few clues as to what was inside. Customers that regularly enjoy the library's "Grab and Go" bags naturally gravitated towards this fun promotion. The "Repurposed Valentine's Day Crafts" was very popular, inviting everyone to come make cards, jewelry and other artsy gifts and repurposing old book pages.

